

A Necessary  
A B S T R A C T  
O F T H E  
L A W S.

Relating to the  
M I L I T I A,

Reduced into  
A Practical Method.

*To which is added,*  
I N S T R U C T I O N S  
For Exercising the  
*Trained Bands.*

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**T**His ABSTRACT may  
be Printed,

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*To his Grace, the  
most Noble Prince  
HENRY Duke of  
NORFOLKE, Earl  
Marshal of England,  
Knight of the most  
Noble Order of the  
Garter, and One of the  
Lords of Their Ma-  
jesties most Honourable  
Privy Council, &c.*

May it please your Grace,

**T**O permit your Ill-  
lustrious Name  
to be placed in the  
Front of this Abstract,  
A 2      which

*The Dedication.*

which is designed to  
no other end, but to  
shew, that the Militia  
(established by Acts of  
Parliament) may be  
useful in all the several  
Counties of this King-  
dom, as that part, (with-  
in your Graces more  
peculiar Province,)  
has appeared to be,  
at very short Warnings,  
in more than two or  
three Instances; which  
(without Flattery,)  
must be ascribed to  
your



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your Graces particular  
Directions and Personal  
Views, no less than  
to the active Diligence  
of your Deputy Lieu-  
tenants. And when  
your Grace (in the late  
Reign) refused to put  
out those Deputy Lieu-  
tenants, who would  
not comply with the  
Questions and In-  
structions (sent at that  
time from the Court)  
or to give Deputations  
to Roman Catholicks,

A 3      and

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and others (nominated to your Grace.) It appeared (when those surprizing Orders were given for restoring such who had been on that account put out of Commission,) that your Graces Deputy Lieutenants of *Norfolke, Surrey, Berks, and Norwich,* were the only Deputy Lieutenants who remain'd capable to act  
without

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without new Com-  
missions.

There is one thing  
more may be added,  
shewing your Graces  
Care to render the  
Train'd Bands, now  
under your Command,  
fit for Service; That  
soon after Their Ma-  
jesties happy access to  
the Throne, ( when  
Occasion required, )  
your Grace gave in  
A 4 your

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your Lists, consisting  
of Eight Regiments,  
and Six Independent  
Companies, of Foot,  
and Eleven Troops of  
Horse (above 10000  
Men compleat) inclu-  
ding the Borough of  
*Southwark*, that had ta-  
ken the Oaths appoin-  
ted by Act of Parlia-  
ment in the First Year  
of Their Majesties  
Reign: Whom, that  
GOD Almighty will  
long

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long Preserve, as also  
your Grace, with  
Health and Felicity,  
is the Prayer of one of

Your Graces

*Most Devoted*

*and Obedient*

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To the Deputy  
Lieutenants , and  
Commission Offi-  
cers of the Train'd  
Bands.

**W** Hereas not long  
since great  
Endeavours had been used  
to render the Militia of  
this Kingdom useless ;  
and an Account, of the  
Annual Charge every Coun-  
ty was lyable to by the Acts  
of Parliament, was de-  
manded, in order to the  
keeping



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keeping on Foot so many  
(more) Forces in con-  
stant Pay, as the said  
Expence would have de-  
frayed. To the end there-  
fore the said Militia may  
not seem so useless, this  
Method is compiled; in  
the doing whereof no new  
thing is offered, but only  
a placing of such Authori-  
ties and Directions, as  
are contained in the feve-  
ral Acts, under respective  
Heads, for the more ready  
charging of Estates, and  
putting

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putting the whole in Execution, at such Times and Places as there may be Occasion, to charge Estates, impose Penalties, hear Complaints, qualifie Persons, and Train or Exercise, when the Acts of Parliament, at large, may not be at hand; which is all that is designed by the publishing this Abstract. And it is presumed, that none will be Offended at the Annexing an Exercise of Arms,

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*Arms, which may be use-  
full, and be practised by  
the Trained Bands, with-  
out Offence to the Royal  
Army.*

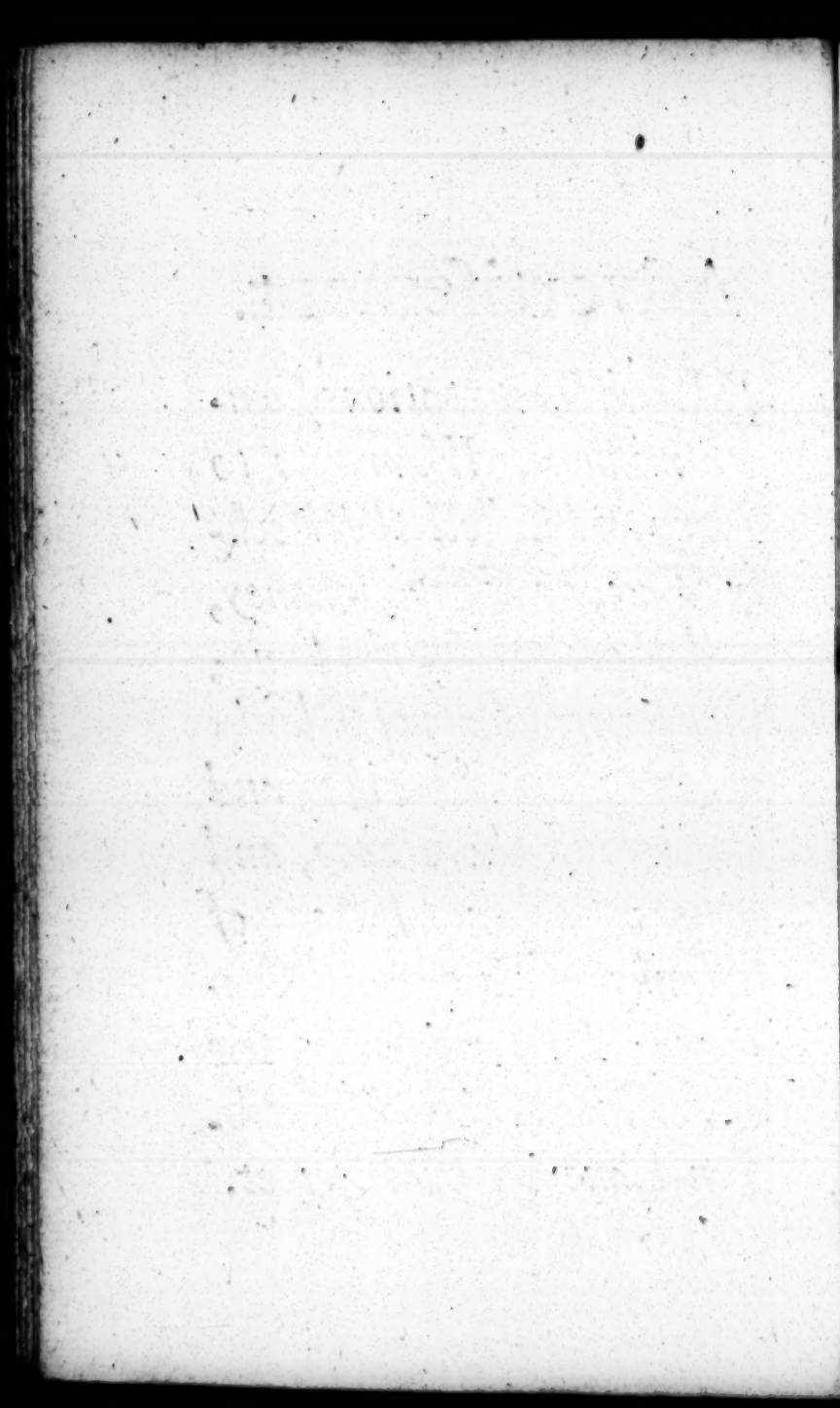
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L A W S

Relating to the

MILITIA.

**T**Hat the King's most  
Excellent Majesty,  
His Heirs and Suc-  
cessors, shall and may, from  
time to time, as Occasion  
shall require, issue forth Com-  
missions

missions of Lieutenancy to such Persons as he and they shall think fit to be Lieutenants ( who, if Peers, are styled Lord-Lieutenants,) and may at Pleasure Appoint or Displace all Officers and Deputy-Lieutenants. 13. 14. Car. 2. Parag. 2.

*Of the Power of the  
Lord-Lieutenant.*

That no Person, being a Peer, shall be capable of Acting as Lord-Lieutenant or Deputy-Lieutenant, till Sworn before Six ( at least ) Lords of the Privy Council, or such as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall appoint

point to Administer the same.  
*Parag. 18.*

The Lord-Lieutenant may  
 Constitute, Appoint, and give  
 Commissions to such Persons  
 as he shall think fit to be De-  
 puty Lieutenants, Colonels,  
 Majors, Captains, and other  
 Commission Officers: And  
 shall present to His Majesty  
 the Names of such Persons as  
 he shall so constitute his Depu-  
 ty-Lieutenants. *Parag. 2.*

And is to Appoint Trea-  
 surers or Clerks for receiving  
 and paying all such Monies as  
 shall be levied by virtue of  
 the said Act. *Parag. 12.*

The Lord-Lieutenant has  
 Power and Authority to call  
 B 2 together

together all the Trained Bands, at such times, and to arm, array, and form them into Companies, Troops, and Regiments; and in case of Insurrection, Rebellion, or Invasion, to lead, or cause to be lead, conducted and employed, as well within their respective Counties, Cities, and Places, as into any other, according as he shall receive Direction from His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

*Parag. 2.*

No Peer is to be Charged to Horse or Foot, nor Assessed, but by Twelve, or Six, of such Peers as shall be appointed by the King for that purpose.

But

But when Peers have been once so Charged and Assessed, then the Penalties may be levied and laid (as in such Cases is required,) by the Deputy-Lieutenants, and for want of Satisfaction in a week the Distress may be sold, rendering the overplus. No Dwelling of any Peer of this Realm is to be searched but by immediate Warrant from His Majesty under the Sign Manual, or in the Presence of the Lord-Lieutenant, or one Deputy-Lieutenant of the same Division. *Parag. 33.*

All Deputy-Lieutenants, Commission Officers, Constables, and other Officers or



Ministers, Civil as well as Military, are to observe and obey such Orders and Directions, as they shall from time to time receive from the Lord-Lieutenant, for putting in Execution the Powers given by the Acts. *Parag. 13.*

*Of Oaths, of Powers to Charge Estates, of Levying Taxes, of Musters, of Exercise, and Training.*

That all Deputy-Lieutenants, Officers and Soldiers, ought to be Sworn before they act in their respective Capacities, the Lord-Lieutenant,

nant, or one Justice of Peace of the same County, may administer the Oaths to Deputy-Lieutenants; and two Deputy-Lieutenants (when Sworn) may administer the Oaths to Officers and Soldiers. *Par. 19.*

By the Act 25 *Car. 2.* for preventing Dangers from Popish Recusants, it is Enacted,  
 ‘ That all and every Person  
 ‘ and persons, that shall enter  
 ‘ into any Office Military,  
 ‘ shall take the Oaths, and  
 ‘ Subscribe the Declaration,  
 ‘ in the High Court of *Chancery*, or Court of *Kings Bench* at *Westminster*, or  
 ‘ at the Quarter - Sessions,  
 ‘ within three months after

‘ Admittance into, or recei-  
 ‘ ving, their Authority or Em-  
 ‘ ployment, at which time,  
 ‘ every Person ( so to be  
 ‘ sworn ) must deliver a Cer-  
 ‘ tificate under the Hands of  
 ‘ the respective Minister and  
 ‘ Churchwarden, where he  
 ‘ receives, and must make  
 ‘ proof of the said Certifi-  
 ‘ cate, by two Witnesses,  
 ‘ upon Oath ; all which is to  
 ‘ be put upon Record, or else  
 ‘ such Office to be void : But  
 ‘ if any Person shall execute  
 ‘ any Office after neglecting  
 ‘ to be sworn as aforesaid, and  
 ‘ thereupon be lawfully con-  
 ‘ victed, such shall be uncapa-  
 ‘ ble and disabled to sue or  
 ‘ use

' use any Action, or prosecute  
 ' any Suit, or be Executor or  
 • ' Administrator, &c. and shall  
 ' forfeit the Sum of 500 l. to  
 ' be recovered by him or them  
 ' that shall sue for the same.

' *Proviso*, That the said  
 ' Act shall not extend to the  
 ' Office of High Constable,  
 ' Constable, Tythingman,  
 ' Headborough, Overseer of  
 ' the Poor, Church Warden,  
 ' or any inferiour Civil Offi-  
 ' cer, or any Office of Forester,  
 ' Keeper, or Bailiff of any  
 ' Mannor or Lands.

The

The Oaths appointed to be taken by  
 I *Wilielmi & Mariæ*,  
 in the stead and place  
 of the Oath of Allegi-  
 ance and Supremacy.

*I A. B. do sincerely  
 Promise and Swear, That  
 I will be Faithful, and  
 bear True Allegiance to  
 Their Majesties King  
 William and Queen Ma-  
 ry. So help me God.*

*I A. B. do Swear,  
 That I do from my Heart  
 Abhor, Detest, Abjure, as  
 Impious*

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*Impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever; and I do declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Preeminence, or*  
*Autho-*

*Authority, Ecclesiastical  
or Spiritual within this  
Realm. So help me  
God.*

*I A. B. do declare  
and believe, That it is not  
Lawful, upon any pretence  
whatsoever, to take Arms  
against the King, and that  
I do abhor that Traite-  
rous Position, that Arms  
may be taken by His Au-  
thority against His Per-  
son, or against those that  
are Commissionated by him  
in pursuance of such Mi-  
litary*



litary Commissions. So  
help me God.

The Declaration  
which is to be made  
and subscribed by eve-  
ry Person concerned  
in taking the Oaths,  
which are to be Regi-  
stred at the Quarter-  
Sessions.

*I A. B. do declare, That  
I do believe that there is  
not any Transubstantia-  
tion in the Sacrament of  
the Lords Supper, or in  
the Elements of Bread and  
Wine,*

*Wine, At, or After, the  
Consecration thereof, by  
any Person whatsoever.*

The Deputy-Lieutenants,  
or the major part of them, or  
three, or in some cases two,  
may put in execution the  
Powers of the said Acts, in  
the Absence of the Lord  
Lieutenant. *Parag. 2.*

Three Deputy Lieutenants  
may Charge any Person or  
Persons with Horse, Horse-  
man and Arms, or Foot Sol-  
diers and Arms. That 500 *l.*  
*-per Annum* in Possession, or  
6000 *l.* Stock, (besides Hou-  
shold Furniture) is to find a  
Horse, Man, and Arms; and so  
after

after that rate at Discretion: That 50 *l. per Annum* in Possession, or 600 *l.* Stock, (other than Stock upon Ground,) is to find a Foot Soldier and Arms; and so after that rate at Discretion for Estates or Revenues, greater or lesser, and by joyning two, three, or more Persons together, as the Deputy Lieutenants, or major part present, shall think fit. Provided no Person be charged to Horse and Foot in the same County. *Parag. 3.*

That any Person, having 100 *l. per Annum* in Possession, or 1200 *l.* value in Personal Estate, or under 2400 *l.* value (chargable by the said Act,) may

may be charged to Horse or Foot at Discretion, *per Act* 15 *Car.* 2. *Parag.* 18.

Provided, That no Person, that has not 100 l. *per Annum* in Possession. or 1200 l. value in Personal Estate, shall be compellable towards the finding of Horse 13 & 14. *Par.* 5.

Nor shall any Estate of 200 l. *per Annum* in Possession, or Personal Estate of 2400 l. value, be chargable to the finding of Foot. 15. *Par.* 18.

Deputy Lieutenants, three or more, may examine upon Oath, for discovery of the Ability of Persons to be assessed and charged, and all Misdemeanors tending to the hindrance

hindrance of the said Service. 13, 14. *Parag.* 11.

And may give redress according to the Merits of the Cause. *Parag.* 5.

Yet nevertheless this shall not be construed to extend to make any Alteration concerning the Forces to be raised or charged in Cities, Corporations, and Port Towns. 15. *Parag.* 18.

Three Deputy Lieutenants may appoint Constables to provide and furnish sufficient Foot Arms (with Wages and other incident Charges,) as they shall assess and charge upon Revenues under £ 0 l. per Annum, or Personal E-  
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states less than 600 l. value, according to the Rules and Proportions of the said Acts by a Pound Rate.

And may inflict a Penalty of 40 s. for every Omis-  
sion of any Constable. *Pa-  
rag. 4.*

And if any Person, so rated, shall refuse or neglect to provide, or pay according to the proportion (rated and signed by Deputy Lieutenants,) it shall be lawful for Constable, by Warrant for that purpose, to levy the same by Distress and Sale. *Pa-  
rag. 5.*

Where

Where Persons to be charged do not reside in the same County, Notice under Hand and Seal of three Deputy Lieutenants to the General Agent, or one or two sufficient Tenants, shall be sufficient, and they are to return Answer from the Landlord, or else to provide and do as the Landlord in such case ought to do ; and in case of refusal or neglect, upon every default, are to pay like Penalties. 13 &  
14. Parag. 16.

That all such Tenants may default what they shall so necessarily expend out of such Rents as shall be next due to  
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their Landlord, and shall be indemnified by the said Acts, unless the Landlord make appear, within two months, that the Default and Penalty was occasioned by wilful neglect of the Tenant. *Parag. 17.*

Provided, that the Act extend not to avoid Covenants between Landlord and Tenant, concerning the finding of Horses or Arms, or paying Rates and Taxes. *Parag. 29.*

Three Deputy Lieutenants may inflict a Penalty of 20 *l.* on such as refuse or neglect to furnish sufficient Horse, Horse-man and Arms, and other Furniture ; or may  
cause

cause to be levied such Sum or Sums of Money, or value of such Horse, Arms, and Furniture to be employed to the said Uses. *Parag. 9.*

And may impose a Penalty of 5 *l.* on such as refuse or neglect to send or deliver their Horse, Arms and Furniture. *Parag. 10.*

And in like manner a Penalty of 5 *l.* on such as refuse or neglect to provide and furnish sufficient Foot Soldier and Arms. *Parag. 3.*

And for default of Appearance at beat of Drum, sound of Trumpet, or other Summons, two Deputy Lieutenants may imprison five days,

days, or inflict a Penalty of Twenty Shillings on a Horseman, and Ten Shillings on a Foot Soldier, to be immediately paid down. And may imprison such as detain and imbezel Horse, Arms, or Furniture, till satisfaction be made. 13 & 14. *Parag. 10.*

And may imprison for Twenty days, or impose a Penalty of Five Shillings on Mutineers, and on such Soldiers as do not their Duty at the day of their Musters. *Parag. 8.*

Three Deputy Lieutenants may commit to Prison, by Warrant under Hands and Seals, such as refuse to pay  
the

Penalties inflicted by the said Acts ( in case there be not sufficient Distresses to be found to answer the Forfeitures and Penalties ) until Satisfaction be made. The several Forfeitures, Penalties, and Payments, imposed (not otherwise by the Acts directed) ought to be employed to the same Uses, in default whereof the same are impos'd.

15. Parag. 16.

Three Deputy Lieutenants have power to lay fitting Rates on the respective County and Places, not exceeding the fourth part of one months Assessment, in any one year, after the rate of 70000*l.*

*per Mensem*, according to the Rules of the Act made 12 Car. 2. Entituled, *An Act for raising 700000 l for the further Supply of His Majesty, for furnishing Ammunition and other Neccessaries.* 13 & 14. Parag. 7.

*The Lieutenants* & Deputy Lieutenants may dispose so much thereof, as they, or any three, shall see fit, to the inferior Officers Employ'd in or about the said respective Forces, for their Pains and Incouragement.

15. Parag. 12.

Of all which, Receipts and Disbursments, Accompts or Extracts, thereof, are to be given in by the Treasurer or Clerk

Clerk in Writing, and upon Oath, at the General Quarter Sessions, and likewise be certified to the Lords of the Privy Council. *Parag. 12.*

Three Deputy Lieutenants have power to hear all Complaints, examine Witnesses upon Oath, and give redress as they see cause. *Parag. 11.*

‘ To which purpose it is  
 ‘ requisite to appoint certain  
 ‘ Times and Places for Ap-  
 ‘ peals and Complaints, on  
 ‘ the second day at every  
 ‘ General Quarter Sessions,  
 ‘ and some Afternoon at the  
 ‘ time of the Assizes.

In

In Absence of the Lord Lieutenant, or otherwise, by his Direction, the Deputy Lieutenants, two or more, have power to Train, Exercise, and put in Readiness, the Trained Bands, or any Regiment, Company, or Troop, thereof. 15. Parag 1.

The Training and Exercising of single Companies, and Troops, are not to be above four times in one year; nor are they to be continued in Exercise above the space of two days at one time, unless special Directions be given by Their Majesties or the Privy Council.



A General Muster is not to be above once a year, at which no Officer or Soldier is to be constrained to stay for above four days together, from their respective Habitations. 13 & 14. Parag. 21.

And in case of Invasion, or drawing out into actual Service, all Persons charged shall furnish a months Pay in hand, or so much thereof as shall be directed by the Deputy Lieutenants, or any two of them. For Repayment whereof (and Satisfaction to Officers,) Provision is to be made by the King. And by the said Act no Person, who has advanced one Months Pay,

Pay, is to be charged again with another Months Pay till he be reimbursed. *Parag. 7.*

But by an Act *Anno Secundo Willielmi & Mariae*, for raising the Militia for the year 1691, if at any time before the 25th of December 1691, it shall be found necessary to draw out the said Soldiers into actual Service, the Lord Lieutenant, or Deputy Lieutenants, or two or more, may, in pursuance of Orders from Their Majesties, ( notwithstanding that one or more Months Pay before that time advanced be not reimbursed, ) raise and draw out the said Soldiers

Soldiers into actual Service, and to cause the Persons charg'd as aforesaid to provide each their Soldier, with Pay in hand not exceeding one Months Pay.

Three Deputy Lieutenants, or the chief Officer upon the place, as there may be occasion, may charge Carts and Horses, &c. for carrying of Powder, Bullet, Match, and other Materials, &c. allowing 6 *d.* per Mile (outward only) for every Carriage with Five Horses, or Six Oxen, and so proportionably; and One Penny a Mile for every single Horse that shall be employed in such Service.

*Of Arms, Ammunition,  
Accoutrements, Mu-  
ster-Masters, and Of-  
ficers.*

Defen- }  
five }  
Arms }  
for a }  
Horse- }  
man. }

Back, }  
Breast, } Pistol  
Pot, } Proof.

Offen- }  
five }  
Arms. }

a Sword. }  
a Case of } Bartels  
Pistols, } 14 In-  
ches.

Furniture, }

{ A Saddle, with  
Burr and Hol-  
sters, a Bit, Bri-  
dle, Pectoral, &  
Crupper. 13 &  
14. Parag. 21.

Every

Every Horseman to bring a quarter of a Pound of Powder, and like wait of Bullet, at every Muster Training and Exercise at the Charge of the Finder, upon pain of the Finder forfeiting 5 s. for every Omission.

Every Musquetier is to bring half a Pound of Powder, and like Quantity of Bullets. 15. *Parag. 7.*

A Musquet,	{	The Barrel 3
		Foot, Gage
		12 Bullets to
		a Pound; a
		Collar of Ban-
		diliers;
		a Sword.

Pikeman,

Pikeman,	{ A Pike of Ash, 16 Foot long, a Sword, Back, Breast, and Head Piece. 13 & 14. Parag. 21.

*The Captains dispense  
 with their not using Iron  
 Armour, in case the  
 Horsemen agree to ap-  
 pear in Buff Coats and  
 Belts suitable.*

*And the Foot in Cloth  
 Coats of a colour, suitable  
 to the Regiment.*

*But*

But in case the Finders refuse to send in, or appear thus suitably, the Officers may make the Duty severe to such as are obstinate, by not permitting them to quit' their wearing their Iron Armour, during all the time they are out.

And since the Militia in many Counties and great Towns, for the most part, have already furnished the Horsemen with Buff Coats and Belts, and

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*Carabines; and the Foot with Cloth Coats, Hats, and Stockings, a small Charge, (with the Care of the respective Captains, in ordering the same to be laid by and preserved, between such times as there is occasion for their Service,) may make the whole Militia appear handsome, as well as be useful.*

Persons charged must find such to perform the Duty as are qualified

fied and approved by the Captain, and must give in their Christian and Surnames, that they may be Listed and Sworn, who may not change nor depart the Service without Leave, on Penalty of Twenty Pounds, or Imprisonment for default of Payment, or Distress, (subject to Appeal.)

*Parag. 25.*

Every one that refuses to pay Two Shil-  
                     D 2                      lings

lings and Six Pence *per diem* to a Horseman, for such time as he shall be on Duty, shall forfeit Five Shillings *per diem* to the said Horseman.

And likewise every one that refuses to pay one Shilling *per diem* to his Foot Soldier, shall forfeit Two Shillings *per diem* to the said Foot Soldier, if such Forfeitures be demanded in Six Weeks after default.

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default. 15. *Parag. 2.*  
*Officers and others to*  
*whom Pay is usually*  
*allowed out of the Weeks*  
*Tax.*

Of Horse,	Captain, Lieutenant, Cornet, Quarter- Master, Corporals, Trumpe- ters.
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Of

Captain,  
 Lieutenant,  
 Ensign,  
 Sergeants,  
 Of Foot, Drummers,  
 a Quarter-  
 Master of a  
 Regiment.

Every Commission'd  
 Foot Officer is ex-  
 cused from finding or  
 contributing towards  
 Horse or Foot, if his  
 Estate be not charge-  
 able with more than  
 one Horse. 15. *Parag. 9.*  
*The*

*The Soldiers of every Company and Troop, (when summoned to appear,) after they have been called over, are to be Subject to their Officers according to the Discipline of War, during the time of their being out : And in the Night time, a Court of Guard is to be appointed, Centinels set, and Silence and good Order required ; and every Fault and Disobedience is punishable.*

Every Muster Master ought to be an Inhabitant of the respective County, and is to attend at the Muster of every Regiment, Troop, and Company, once a year, and take care, that no Arms be admitted, but such as are allowable by the Acts.

Each Soldier Listed shall pay, once a year, to the Muster-Master, such Sum, not exceeding

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ing One Shilling for a Horseman, and Six Pence for a Foot Soldier, as shall be directed, under the Hands and Seals of Three, or more, Deputy Lieutenants, which may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Persons charged, in default of Payment.

15. *Parag. 6.*

Two, or more, Deputy Lieutenants, by Warrant under Hand and

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and Seal, may employ  
such Persons as they  
shall thinke fit (of which  
a Commission Officer,  
and the Constable, or  
his Deputy, &c. of the  
the same Parish, to be  
two) to search for and  
seize all Arms, in the  
Custody of Persons  
whom they shall judge  
dangerous to the Peace  
of the Kingdom, and  
secure such Arms for  
Their Majesties Ser-  
vice, and give account  
thereof

thereof to the Lord-Lieutenant.

But no search to be between Sun Setting and Sun Rising, except in Cities, Corporations and Bills of Mortality.

Arms so seized may be restored, if the Lord Lieutenant, or in his Absence the Deputy Lieutenants, or two of of them, shall think fit.

13 & 14. *Parag.* 14.

All High Constables, Petty Constables,  
Officers

Officers and Ministers,  
are required to be  
aiding and assisting in  
the Execution of the  
Powers of the said  
Acts. *Parag. 15.*

All Persons who  
shall act and do any  
thing in Execution of  
the Powers in the said  
Acts shall be Indem-  
nified. 15. *Parag. 13.*

No Action or Suit  
to be brought against  
any Person, for any  
thing done in Execu-  
tion

tion of the said Powers, unless the same be brought in Six months after Cause, and in the proper County. *Parag. 14.*

*Proviso*, Not to extend to give further or other Power, for Transporting Subjects of this Realm, than by the Laws of *England.*

13, 14. *Parag. 33.*

The respective Lord Wardens of the *Cinque Ports* have like Authority

thority and Power  
within their Precincts,  
as the respective Lord  
Lieutenants have in  
the Counties. 15. *Pa-*  
*rag.* 19.

Provided always,  
That nothing in the  
Acts extend to put any  
new or other Charge  
on the Tinnors in *De-*  
*von* and *Cornwall* than as  
formerly.

A *Proviso* and Sa-  
ving also to the City  
of *London*, and the  
Tower

Tower Division, and  
the Isle of *Wight*.

Provided, That no  
Officer or Soldier of  
the Trained Bands, of  
any City, Borough,  
or Town Corporate,  
being a County, &c.  
shall be compelled to  
appear out of their  
Precincts at any Mu-  
ster or Exercise only.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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# INSTRUCTIONS for Exercise of single Com- panies, and Troops or Regiments.

**T**Here are three sorts of  
Distances.

*Open Order, Order, and  
Close Order.*

1. The open (a) Order, or first Distance, is when the Soldiers both in Rank and File stand 6 Foot from each other.

(a) This is  
adjudged  
by the  
meeting  
of their  
Hands,  
when  
stretched  
at Arms  
length.

2. Order, (b) or second when Embattled, or marching towards the face of an Enemy, or at a stand, or wheeling.

(b) Used

(c) Distance for Ranks is known when the But end of the Pikes do almost reach the Leaders Heels.

Distance, is when the Soldiers stand 3 foot distance both in Rank and File.

But when they march (c) through any Country, they must observe the 3 foot distance between the Files, and 6 foot between the Ranks.

d) Distance of close Order is judged by the meeting of their Elbows when their Arms stand a kenbo.

3. Close Order, (d) or third Distance, is when there is a foot and half between the Files, and 3 foot between the Ranks, and is for the Pikes only when they are to stand to receive the Charge of an Enemy.

The Musketeers must never be closer than the second distance of three foot in square, that they may have

a free use of their Arms.

*To Exercise their Motions.*

**O**bserve the open Order  
or first Distance of  
six foot in square, in which  
the Company being placed,  
they may more easily be ac-  
quainted with the Terms of  
Direction, viz.

*Stand right in your files.*

*Stand right in your ranks.*

*Silence.*

*To the right hand.*

*As you were. (e)*

*To the left hand.*

*As you were.*

*To the right about.*

*As you were.*

(e) Ob-  
serve when  
the words  
of Com-  
mand, As  
you were,  
are pro-  
nounced,  
they are e-  
ver to re-  
turn by  
the con-  
trary  
band.

**Ranks, to the right hand, double.**

*As you were.*

**To the left, double.**

*As you were.*

**Files, to the right hand, double.**

*As you were.*

**To the left, double.**

*As you were.*

**Middle Men, to the right, double your Front.**

*As you were.*

**To the left, double your Front.**

*As you were.*

**Ranks, to the right (or left)  
Counter-march.**

*As you were.*

When they Counter-march to the right, the last rank of Leaders only must ad-

advance one step with the right Leg, and then turn, and all the rest of the ranks must march first up to the place from whence the first rank did counter-march, before they turn; the like Order for the Files also, in counter-marching to the left hand.

*To Exercise a single Company.*

**R**anks, to the right (or left) hand, double.

Files, to the right (or left) or to the middle) close to your Order of three foot.

Ranks, close to the Order of 3. foot.

Wheel to the right hand.

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Wheel

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*Wheel to the left hand.*

*Wheel about.*

It is fit to double the Ranks before they wheel, because the body is small; but in a division or greater body, close first both Files and Ranks to the order of three foot, and omit the doubling.

When they wheel to the right hand, double the ranks to the left; and if to the left, then double the ranks to the right, for so the right and left hand Leaders, will keep their places, on that corner, towards which they wheel.

(f) Double  
distance is  
12 foot.

( f ) Ranks backward, open in  
double distance.

*Files*



*Files, open to your order of three foot.*

*Ranks, as you were.*

Greater Bodies, where the doubling is omitted, open first the Ranks and then the Files, to the open order of six foot.

In opening Ranks or Files, make all, except the outermost, (on that hand from whence they move, which must stand still,) to move all together, till the second Rank or File from that which stands hath got the due distance, and consequently the rest.

If you would have them close their Files to the right

or left, the outermost File (to which they should close) must stand still.

## *To Exercise the Musket.*

**S**houlder your Musket.

Lay your right hand on your Musket.

Poize your Musket.

Rest your Musket.

Cock your Musket, or

Guard your Pan, or,

Handle your match.

Cock and try your match.

Blow your match.

Open your Pan.

Present.

*Present.*

*Give fire.*

*Recover your Arms.*

*Clean your Pan with your  
Thumb.*

*Return your match.*

*Handle your primer.*

*Prime your pan,*

*Shut your pan with a full hand.*

*Blow off the loose corns.*

*Cast about to charge.*

*Handle your charger.*

*Open it with your Teeth.*

*Charge with powder.*

*Draw forth your scourer.*

*Shorten it to an inch against your  
breast.*

*Charge with bullet.*

*Ram down powder and ball.*

*Withdraw your scourer.*

*Shorten*

*Shorten it to a bandful.*

*Return your scourer.*

*Poize your musket.*

*Shoulder your musket.*

*Order your musket.*

In the Exercise of the Musket, though these Postures are to be observed, yet after the Soldiers understand them, there needs only three terms of Direction, viz.

*Make ready.*

*Present.*

*Give Fire.*

## To Exercise the Pike.

**A**dvanee your Pikes.

Charge to the Front.	{	To the right,
		To the right,
		To the right,
		To the right.

To the right about.

To the left about as you were.

Charge to the Left.	{	To the left,
		To the left,
		To the left,
		To the left.

To the right about as you were.

Advance your Pikes.

Shoulder your Pikes, charge to  
the front.

Shoulder

*Shoulder as you were, charge to the right.*

*Shoulder as you were, to the right about.*

*Shoulder as you were, charge to the left.*

*Shoulder as you were, to the left about.*

*Shoulder as you were.*

*Port.*

Is the same as Charge, but that you sink not the point so low.

*Comport.*

Is by bringing the left Hand back, and stretch out the right, stepping forward with the right Leg.

*Charge to the front.*

*Trail, facing to the right about.*

*Charge*

*Charge as you were.*

*Advance your Pikes.*

## More general Motions.

**A** *Dvance your Pikes.*

*Order your Pikes.*

*Shoulder your Pikes.*

*Charge your Pikes.*

*Order your Pikes.*

*Trail your Pikes.*

*Check your Pikes.*

In charging, half the Ranks only must charge their Pikes, the other hindermost Ranks must port their Pikes; that is, carry them so couched over the Heads of the former Ranks, as may give them no  
of-



offence, either in charging or retiring, and by this way the Pikes will not be so subject to be broken by the Enemies shot, as when they are advanced.

*To Exercise the Muskets and Pikes together.*

**S** Houlders your Muskets.  
Musketeers make ready.

At which Command, the Musketeers ought distinctly to perform every particular posture of the Musket, without further direction.

The Musketeers being ready, the Pikes are to charge as the Musketeers are faced.

*To*

*To the right, to the right, to the  
right, to the right.*

*To the left about as you were.*

*To the left, to the left, to the  
left, to the left.*

*To the right about as you were.*

*Advance your Pikes.*

*Shoulder your Muskets.*

*Order your Arms.*

*Pikes to your inside Order.*

*Lay down your Arms.*

Which posture is to be performed with their left Legs, stooping all together ; their Arms being on the ground, they must rise together, every one observing his right hand Man.

*Quit your Arms.*

*Face all to the right about.*

*March*

*March to your Arms.*

*Handle your Arms.*

Which must be done by stepping forward with their left Leg, and stooping till the word of Command.

*Order your Arms:*

*Pikes, to your outside Order:*

*Poize your muskets.*

*Advance your pikes.*

*Shoulder your muskets:*

*Muskets, march:*

The Musketeers must observe in all their Motions to turn to the right hand, and to carry the Muzle of their Muskets high, to avoid doing mischief.

*Of*

*Of Marching.*

**T**He Ranks ought to be twelve Foot distance, and the Files closed shoulder to shoulder, having liberty to use their arms.

The Soldiers must always begin to march with their right foot.

The Captains are to march with their Pikes shouldred.

The Lieutenants with Par-  
tizans.

The Ensigns with their Pikes comported.

The Serjeants have no place, but are to be moving  
b to

to keep the Ranks and Files  
in due distance.

*To Draw up a Body of Men ,  
and place the Officers at a  
General Muster.*

( g ) It is requisite each Company should be divided into Files, 10 in a File. And there ought to be a Sergeant at the right and left of every Rank and the

**T**He Eldest Company ( g ) is to draw up on the right hand, the second on the left, the third next the first, and the fourth next the second, &c. as followeth.

st.	d.	th.	th.	th.	th.	th.	th.	th.	d.
1.	3.	5.	7.	9.	10.	8.	6.	4.	2.

rest at the Rear, at 12 foot distance, the Drums are to be equally divided, and placed in the same line with the first Rank of Soldiers.

A File is to be distinguished by,

*A Leader.*

*3 Between.*

*A Bringer up.*

*3 Between.*

*2 Middle-men.*

But for ordinary Exercise,

( *b* ) they may be reduced to <sup>(h) This will be of use to prepare and Exercise the Soldiers.</sup> 5 in a File, and then the two middle Men will be Bringers up, and have a kind of charge over the 3 between.

But when the Companies come together, they should be Exercised 10 in depth, in case of Execution.

# General Words of Command.

**M**usketeers, to the right  
and left outwards.

Pikes, to the right and left in-  
wards.

Interchange Ground.

March.

When a Regiment hath  
thus drawn up, the Officers  
are to be placed as followeth:

One half of the } At the Front  
Lieutenants are } of the right  
to stand } Wing of shot.

The



*The other half of* { *At the Front*  
*the Lieutenants* { *of the left*  
                          *Wing.*

*The Ensigns are* { *At the Front*  
*to stand* { *of the Pikes,*  
                  *at the same*  
                  *time as the*  
                  *Lieutenants.*

*The Captains are likewise to be equally divided, and to stand four Foot before the Lieutenants.*

*None must stand before the Ensigns but the chief Commander, who is to be ten Foot before the Pikes.*

*When the Regiment marches in  
a Body.*

The Lieutenants are to be removed from the Front to the Rear.

The rest of the Officers keep their Post.

The Serjeants that were in the Rear, are to be moving to order the Ranks and Files.

*When the Regiment marches in  
Division.*

The one half of the Captains are to march at the Front of the first Division  
of

of Shot, and the rest in the Rear of the last Division of Shot; (b) and one half of <sup>(h) The Officers in</sup> the Lieutenants are to be in <sup>marching</sup> the Rear of the first Divisi- <sup>are to keep</sup> on of Shot, and the rest at <sup>the same</sup> the Front of the last. <sup>distance</sup> <sup>from the</sup> <sup>Body as</sup> <sup>when they</sup> <sup>were</sup> <sup>drawn up.</sup>

The Ensigns are to march at the head of the Pikes.

### *Of Salutes.*

**T**He Officer that Commands ought first to Salute.

And the Captains that march next in a Rank must not begin to Salute, till the said Officer hath done.

The Lieutenants must  
b 4 like-

likewise observe the same order and motion, and so must the Ensigns, but they must move their Colours all the same way, to avoid tangling.

*If the King, or Queen, or General passeth by,*

The Pikes must be Advanced.

\* *In making a Guard.* The Drums must Beat. \*

The Muskets be Shouldred.

The Pikes must be Ordered.

*When the King or General comes in the Rear,*

The Colours or Officers, are not to march through the Ranks,

Ranks, but keep still at the Front.

*If the King passeth by when the whole Army is drawn up in the Field,*

Every Battalion is to (k) (k) The Posture of more charge their Pikes, and rest Guards. their Muskets.

*Of Wheeling, when a Body marches in Division.*

**I**F to the Right, the right hand Man is to keep his ground, and only turn upon his Heel, whilst at the same time

time the left hand Men move about quick, till the Officer cries, *Stand.*

The second Rank is not to begin till they have taken the Ground of the first.

And so every Rank is to take the Ground of the Rank next before.

*To Exercise a Troop, or Regiment of Horse.*

**L** Et them charge their Carbines and Pistols.

And when the Corporals or Officers have seen that they are all ready,

The

The Officer commands silence, and directs.

*Lay your Hand upon your Swords.*

*Draw your Swords.*

*Put your Swords in your Bridle Hand.*

*Lay your Hands upon your Pistols.*

*Draw your Pistols.*

*Cock your Pistols.*

*Hold them up.*

*Fire.*

*Return your Pistols.*

*The manner of Firing in Advancing towards an Enemy.*

**T**hey should give Fire by Ranks.

Two



(1) A Ser-  
jeant or  
(when the  
Body is  
great)  
some Of-  
ficer must  
stand to  
whom the  
Muske-  
teers are  
to come  
up before  
they pre-  
sent and  
give fire.

Two Ranks make ready  
( 1 ) together, and advance  
10 Paces before the Body.

And whilst the first gives  
Fire, the second must keep  
their Muskets ready, and  
Pans guarded.

And as soon as the first  
fall away, the second Pre-  
sent, give fire, and fall off.

In like manner when the  
two first Ranks move from  
their places in the Front, the  
two next Ranks must un-  
shoulder and make ready, and  
do in all points as the former,  
and so by two Ranks at a  
time, through the whole Di-  
vision.

*To Fire when retiring from an  
Enemy.*

**A**S the Troop marcheth,  
the hindermost Rank  
(keeping still with the  
Troop) maketh Ready, and  
when ready, they turn all to-  
gether to the right hand, and  
fire, marching presently a  
round pace to the Front, and  
there place themselves just  
before ; and in like manner  
should every Rank do , if  
the Enemy should stand or  
advance.

*To Fire by the Flank.*

**T**HE outermost File  
next the Enemy must  
make

(m) a Ser-  
jeant or  
some Offi-  
cer must  
stand at  
the Head  
of the first  
File, to  
lead  
each File,  
till the  
whole Wing  
be com-  
pleat, and  
joyned in  
form equal  
with the  
Pikes.

make ready, keeping still  
all along with the Body,  
( m ) till they are ready,  
and then turn to the right or  
left, as they see the Enemy,  
and must fire all together;  
when they have discharged  
they must not move from  
their ground, but charge a-  
gain; and so each File are to  
observe like time and motion.

When the whole Troop  
or Wing of Musketeers make  
ready together, the first  
Rank, without advancing,  
gives fire in the place they  
stand, and then as speedily  
as may be (but orderly) fall  
off, all the Ranks doing in  
like manner.

How

*How to perfect the Trained Bands for Service, and not exceed the Duty appointed by the Acts.*

**I**N regard the times by the Acts for Exercise of the whole Companies are but few, it would much conduce to the fitting them for Service, to appoint the Exercise of----- at a time (as they live convenient) under the command of a Serjeant or Corporal, for the space of two hours, upon Holy days.

*Any number not less than Ten.*

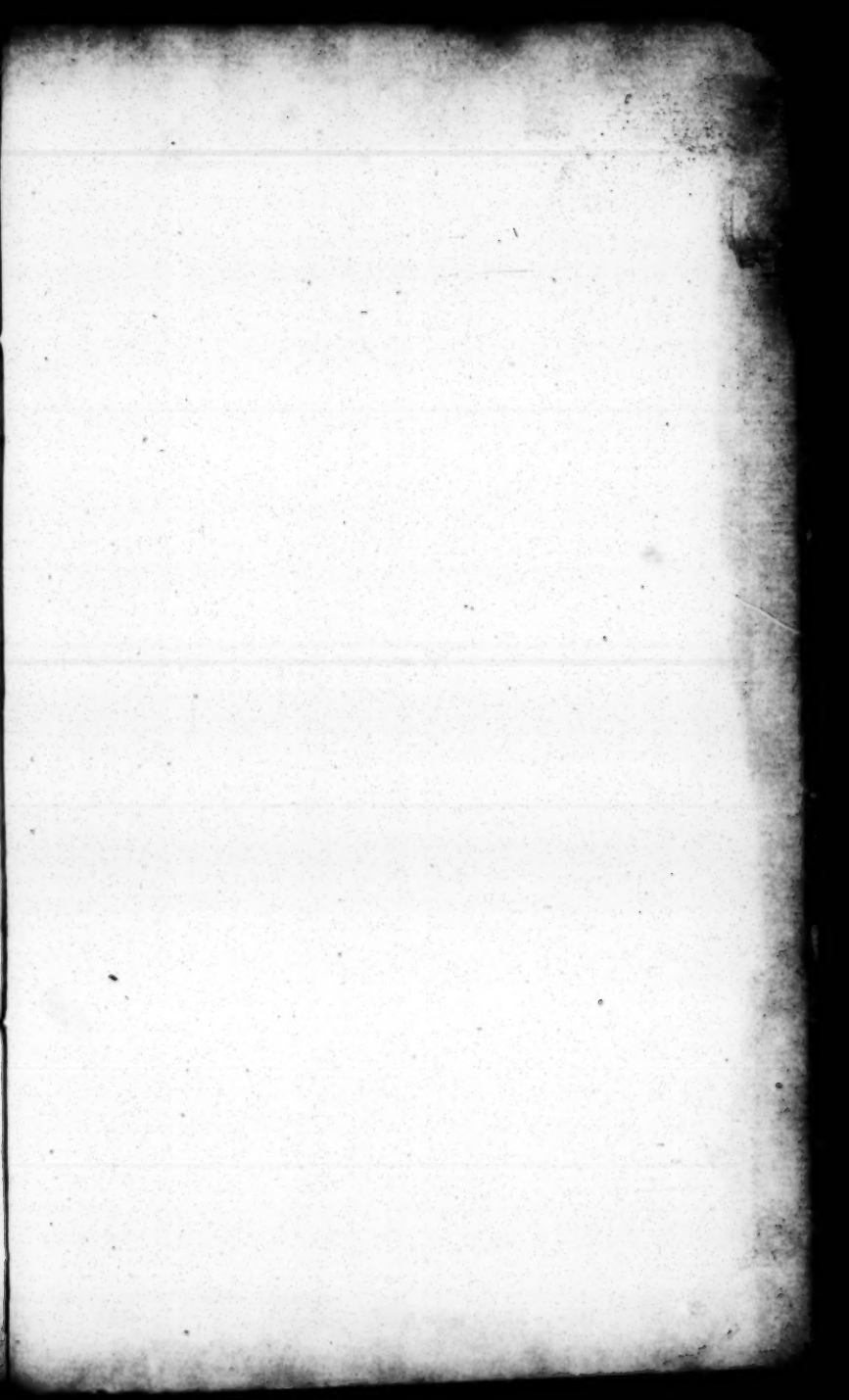
But till the Soldiers perfectly understand their Duties, Postures, Motions, and Ex-

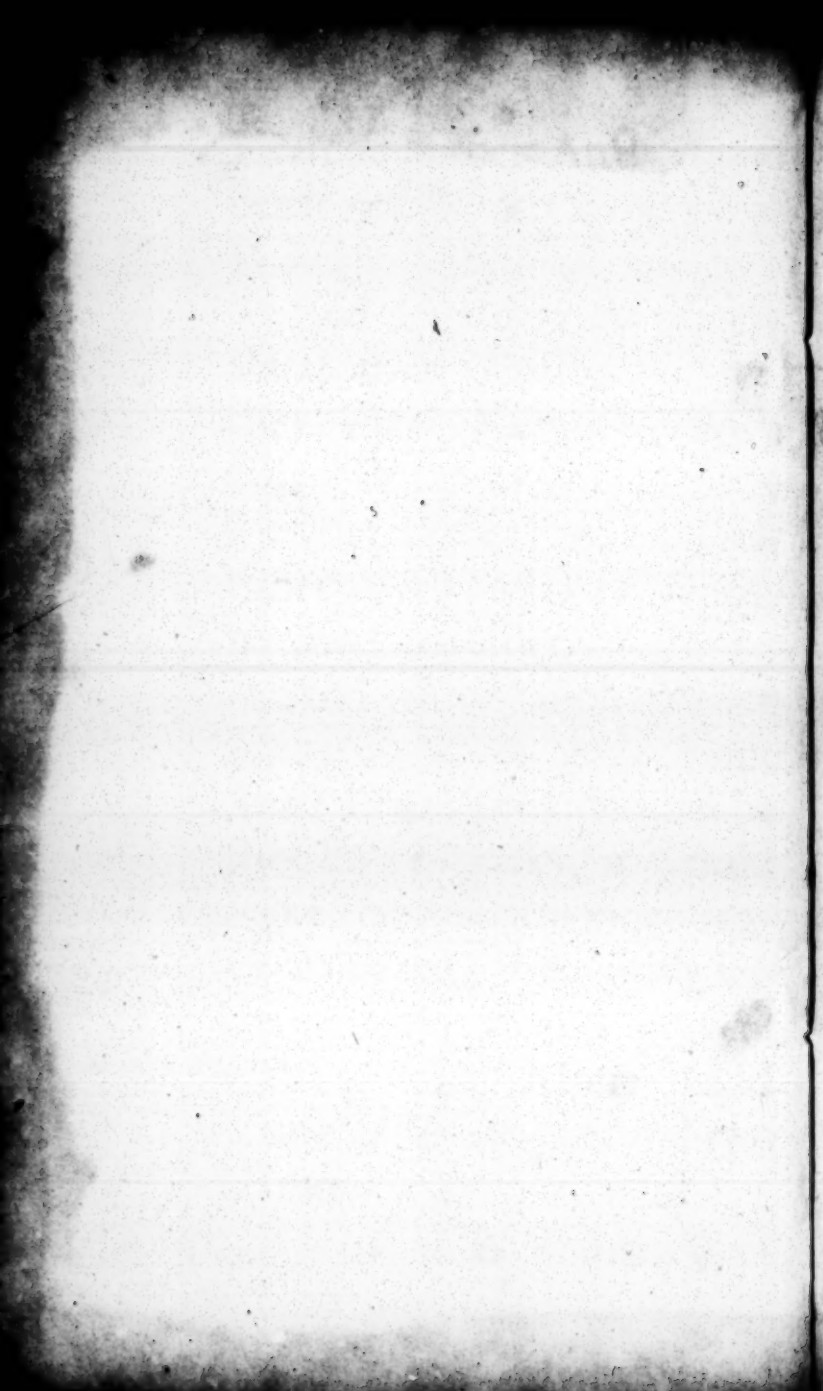
Exercise of their Arms, there needs not be any expence of Powder.

And after they do understand their Postures, &c. they may Exercise with false Fires, as only a little Powder in the Pan, till such times as the whole Company meet together.

And if at such private Exercises there were some small Prizes provided, to be shot for at Marks, it would make the Soldiers more ready at firing, yet with less charge, and would prevent wasting their Money and Time at Nine-pins and idle Games.

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